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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:  
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Application No.: 10/825,215

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Examiner: Gordon J. Stock, Jr.

Title: LITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD AND DEVICE  
MANUFACTURING THEREBY

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

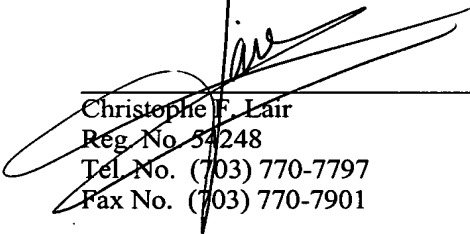
Applicant confirms with appreciation the receipt of the Notice of Allowability for this application.

In reply to the Examiner's reasons for allowance in this application, Applicant respectfully submits that the subject matter of the allowed claims are patentable for their actual respective recitations of claimed features as a whole, without any particular criticality or distinguishing feature being attributable to any one or more of such features, and without any narrowing interpretation being imposed on any of such features. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that no one element or limitation in particular should be deemed to impart to or be required for patentability of the claims. Furthermore, Applicant submits that the dependent claims are allowable for their dependence on the allowed independent claims and further for the additional subject matter recited in each of those dependent claims.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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